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SYRIAN PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF SYRIA'S THREE VICE PRESIDENTS, ZUHAIR MASHARDA, IS MAFING AN OFFICIAL 18-DAY VISIT TO CHINA AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. MASHARDA IS ALSO BEING BILLED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE FRONT MPF), A COALITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES, LED BY THE RULING BA'TH PARTY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, UNNAMED IN THE SYRIAN PRESS, PROBABLY INCLUDE OTHER NPF MEMBERS. MEMBERS.

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